

Bill No. SB 690

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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Health Care

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to immunizations; prohibiting  
3           vaccinating a woman who is knowingly pregnant  
4           or a child who is younger than a specified age  
5           with a vaccine that contains any mercury or  
6           injecting such a woman or child with a product  
7           that contains more than a specified amount of  
8           mercury; prohibiting vaccinating a woman who is  
9           knowingly pregnant or a child under a specified  
10          age with an influenza vaccine that contains  
11          more than a specified amount of mercury;  
12          providing the effective date of such  
13          prohibitions; providing for the State Health  
14          Officer to authorize the use of vaccines that  
15          contain a greater amount of mercury than is  
16          otherwise allowed if the Secretary of Health  
17          declares a public health emergency and makes  
18          certain findings; providing an effective date.

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20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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22           Section 1. Vaccinations and injections containing  
23 mercury prohibited for pregnant women and young children.--

24           (1) Except for an influenza vaccine described in  
25 subsection (2), on and after July 1, 2006, a woman who is  
26 knowingly pregnant or a child who is younger than 3 years of  
27 age may not be vaccinated with a vaccine that contains any  
28 mercury or injected with a product that contains more than 0.5  
29 micrograms of mercury per 0.5-milliliter dose.

30           (2) On and after July 1, 2006, a woman who is  
31 knowingly pregnant or a child who is younger than 3 years of

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1 age may not be vaccinated with an influenza vaccine that  
2 contains more than 1 microgram of mercury per 0.5-milliliter  
3 dose.  
4 (3) If the Secretary of Health declares a public  
5 health emergency under section 381.00315, Florida Statutes,  
6 and finds that an epidemic or shortage of supply of a vaccine  
7 will prevent knowingly pregnant women and children younger  
8 than 3 years of age from receiving the needed vaccine, the  
9 State Health Officer may authorize the administration of a  
10 vaccine containing more mercury than the maximum level  
11 established in subsection (1), or subsection (2) in the case  
12 of influenza vaccine, to knowingly pregnant women or children  
13 younger than 3 years of age.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
15 law.

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